

**WHAT’S NEW**

The creation of curriculum for these innovative K-5 courses will guarantee that students encounter educational experiences that are 100% aligned with Pennsylvania standards, enriched with multimedia elements, and designed to be interactive. This approach aims to cultivate a captivating learning atmosphere, enhance comprehension of the course material, and ultimately elevate overall educational outcomes.

**TIMELINE OF DELIVERY AND COMMUNICATIONS**

These new and 100% aligned courses will be customer-ready the week of December 11, 2023. Your Customer Success Manager will coordinate delivery to your learning management system.

**NEW COURSE INFORMATION**

<p><b>PA Social Studies - Grade 1 (2 of 2)</b></p>	<p><b>SCED ID:</b> 04 431 G 0101 0202</p>	<p><b>Grade / Grade Band:</b> K - 5</p>	<p><b>Availability:</b> Week of 12/11/23</p>
<p><b>Course Description:</b> PA Social Studies 1 (2 of 2) examines the various features, symbols, holidays, and leaders of the United States, as well as describing important people of the past. Activities include identifying national, state, and local government leaders and exploring how local government makes and enforces laws. The impact of resources and the environment are explored in terms of how humans live.</p> <p><b>Materials Required:</b> Required: colored pencils, markers, or crayons; paper, pencils, printables (see Course Syllabus for link), printer and paper (for printables) Optional: graph paper, ruler</p>			
<p><b>Improvements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Increased Alignment</b> - These PA state-specific courses are 100% aligned to Pennsylvania state standards.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Enhancements for the K-5 core curriculum were made to provide a tighter alignment to identified standards, improve the overall user experience, and increase engagement.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Expanded Media &amp; Interactivity Throughout Every Course</b> - additional media and interactivity added –             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reduced text heaviness, adding instructional images and over 1,200 graphics, videos, and interactives</li> <li>○ New practice activities that are interactive for skill mastery and comprehension,</li> <li>○ Updated Read Along interactive that has a new look and navigation for learners.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Grading Support for All Open Response Questions</b> - additional grading supports for teachers including grading notes and rubrics             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Added “Grading Notes” in the answer key and Speedgrader</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Reading Level Evaluated and Brought to Grade Level K-3</b></li> <li>• <b>Evaluation of All Objectives and Assessment Items to Ensure Grade Level and Correct Measuring of Objectives</b></li> </ul>		<p><b>Related Course Information:</b> PA Social Studies - Grade 1 (1 of 2) Available July 2023</p>	

**NEW COURSE INFORMATION**

<b>PA Social Studies - Grade 2 (2 of 2)</b>	<b>SCED ID:</b> 04 432 G 0202 0202	<b>Grade / Grade Band:</b> K - 5	<b>Availability:</b> Week of 12/11/23
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**Course Description:** PA Social Studies 2 (2 of 2) describes how humans affect communities and environments of various regions. Students will learn about the geography and economics of environments around the world. They will also examine the uses of natural resources. Students will explore how goods and services move around the world and how people become producers and consumers in a global economy. Students will also learn to ask compelling and supporting questions, find and use sources, and write an argument and explanation of how people or groups affect the environment.

**Materials Required:** Required: colored pencils, markers, or crayons; paper, pencil, printables (see Course Syllabus for link), printer and printer paper (for printables), poster board, presentation visuals Optional: globe, presentation software

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**Related Course Information:** PA Social Studies - Grade 2 (1 of 2) Available July 2023

**NEW COURSE INFORMATION**

<b>PA Social Studies - Grade 3 (2 of 2)</b>	<b>SCED ID:</b> 04 433 G 0303 0202	<b>Grade / Grade Band:</b> K - 5	<b>Availability:</b> Week of 12/11/23
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**Course Description:** PA Social Studies 3 (2 of 2) explores how to use sources to learn about the First Peoples to construct a narrative of American Indian Nations. Explorations include topics of the Pueblo people, influential people and groups from some states. Activities include making an argument about the past based on reasoning, examples, and details from sources, as well as constructing a narrative of explorers and settlers in the Southwest United States to describe expansion into the West.

**Materials Required:** Required: notebook paper, pencils, printables (see Course Syllabus for link), printer and printer paper (for printables)  
Optional: research materials

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<p><b>PA Social Studies - Grade 4 (2 of 2)</b></p>	<p><b>SCED ID:</b> 04 434 G 0404 0202</p>	<p><b>Grade / Grade Band:</b> K - 5</p>	<p><b>Availability:</b> Week of 12/11/23</p>
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**Course Description:** PA Social Studies 4 (2 of 2) explores the geography, economy, and history of Pennsylvania from the French and Indian War to modern day. Topics include colonial wars and Pennsylvania’s role in the American Revolution; physical and human features of Pennsylvania; the state’s natural resources and economy; growth of Philadelphia and the entire state after the American Revolution; life in early 19th century Pennsylvania; and the modern Pennsylvania government and economy. A timeline of historical events and a project guides students through research and writing that explains why Pennsylvania played such a significant role in the outcome of the Revolutionary War.

**Materials Required:** None

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<b>PA Social Studies - Grade 5 (2 of 2)</b>	<b>SCED ID:</b> 04 435 G 0505 0202	<b>Grade / Grade Band:</b> K - 5	<b>Availability:</b> Week of 12/11/23
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**Course Description:** PA Social Studies 5 (2 of 2) examines the government, economics, and geography of the United States. Topics include the structure of the United States government; rights and responsibilities of citizenship; economics in the US; economic systems and trade; basic geography of the US and North America; and ethnicity, culture, migration, and movement. The course includes a research project where students design and present a business plan.

**Materials Required:** Computers with Internet access for research, Presentation software (Google Slides, Microsoft PowerPoint, etc.), World map or globe with latitude and longitude, printables (see Course Syllabus for link), printer and printer paper (for printables)

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<b>PA Science – Grade 2 (2 of 2)</b>	<b>SCED ID:</b> 03 232 G 0202 0202	<b>Grade / Grade Band:</b> K - 5	<b>Availability:</b> Week of 12/11/23
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**Related Course Information:** Science – Grade 2 (1 of 2) – National course currently available

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<b>PA Science - Grade 5 (2 of 2)</b>	<b>SCED ID:</b> 03 235 G 0505 0202	<b>Grade / Grade Band:</b> K - 5	<b>Availability:</b> Week of 12/11/23
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**Course Description:** PA Science Grade 5 (2 of 2) investigates structures and functions of organisms, ecology and evolution, Earth’s spheres, the geosphere, engineering and natural resources, and the Sun, Moon, and Earth Systems. Activities include identifying plant and animal anatomy; explaining the flow of matter; describing climate change, evolution, weathering and erosion, seasons and the moon cycle; and predicting, modeling, and observing across these topics to draw conclusions.

**Materials Required:** Required: paper, pencil, a few different types of plants, carrots, celery, spinach, flowering plant; colored pencils, crayons, or markers; 2 pieces of yellow construction paper, 1 piece of blue construction paper, timer or stopwatch, scissors, large glass jar with lid, potting soil, charcoal, small plants, rocks, water, spray bottle, empty shoe box, construction paper, glue or tape, colored clay or dough, cotton balls, string, cups (both experiments), freezer, permanent marker, vinegar, chalk, colored chalk, salt, small container with a lid, measuring cups, baking pan, water bottle, book, plastic/wooden chute, waterproof bin, sand, dirt, potting rocks, duct tape, Erosion Chart (student drawn), baking dish with high sides, straw, spoon, Deposition Chart (student drawn), poster board, prototype, coin, red marker, ball of clay, flashlight, printables (see Course Syllabus for link), printer and printer paper (for printables)

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